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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN INITIATIVE ON EXTRAORDINARY UNGA SESSION

1. ON FEBRUARY 2 ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY BELATEDLY CALLED IN CHIEFS OF MISSION RE BOUMEDIENE'S CALL FOR SPECIAL UNGA MEETING. REPS FROM WESTERN EUROPE (INCLUDING SWISS AND VATICAN) MET WITH CHIEF OF DIVISION ABERKANE AND HEAD ECONOMIC DEPT OULD ROUIS. ABERKANE SAID BOUTEFLIKA HAD SENT MESSAGES TO FOREIGN MINISTERS OF COUNTRIES REPRESENTED ENCLOSING COPY OF BOUMEDIENE'S LETTER TO WALDHEIM AND RESOLUTIONS OF FOURTH NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.

2. ABERKANE AND OULD ROUIS PLACED PROPOSED UNGA SESSION IN BEST POSSIBLE LIGHT FOR INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS, STRESSING THAT OBJECTIVE WAS TO ENGAGE IN CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE AND FIND SOLUTIONS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL. THEY INDICATED THAT NON-ALIGNED HAD IN VARIOUS CONFERENCES DISCUSSED THESE MATTERS AMONG THEMSELVES AND NOW FELT IT WAS TIME TO CONSULT ON WORLDWIDE BASIS.

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3. EXCEPT FOR INGRATIATING REMARKS FROM SEVERAL

AMBASSADORS THERE WERE NO REACTIONS TO ALGERIAN DEMARCHE.

4. ABERKANE SAID IT WAS "CONCEIVABLE" THAT BOUMEDIENE MIGHT ADDRESS SPECIAL UNGA SESSION, MIDDLE EAST WAR HAVING INTERRUPTED HIS PREVIOUS PLANS. THERE WAS NO SUGGESTION THAT SESSION WOULD BE HELD ANYPLACE OTHER THAN NEW YORK.

5. AFTER MEETING I TOLD ABERKANE WE WERE SURPRISED THAT ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO UN, RAHHAL, HAD TERMED WASHINGTON CONFERENCE ON ENERGY "NEFARIOUS". HE SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN STATEMENT BUT DID NOT THINK IT ACCURATELY REPRESENTED ALGERIAN POSITION. HE NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO OFFICIAL DENUNCIATION OF WASHINGTON MEETING BY GOA WHICH, HE CLAIMED, WISHED AWAIT RESULTS OF CONFERENCE BEFORE TAKING OFFICIAL POSITION.
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